



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

MATSUMOTO, Kimikazu

Serial No.: 09/929,488

Group Art Unit: 2871

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Examiner: Rude, T.

For: ACTIVE MATRIX TYPE LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the requirement that Applicant provide a statement of the substance of an interview, Applicant hereby submits the following summary.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiners Rude and Chowdhury for taking time from their busy schedule to conduct a personal interview on November 20, 2003, for the above-referenced Application, particularly since this interview was requested as an after-final interview. The interview was courteous and professional, and it is believed by Applicant's representative that prosecution has been advanced because of this interview.

Concerning the substance of the interview, Applicant's representative presented Applicant's viewpoint that a key aspect of the present invention is that it teaches that twist angle is a parameter previously unknown as affecting response speed.

The Examiners seemed to agree that such discovery that this parameter had an unknown function and that it would have a criticality within a range that has not been known before might be a proper rationale for non-obviousness. However, the Examiner indicated that a new search may have to be done.

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Applicant's representative indicated that an RCE may be filed shortly to allow the Examiner to conduct a new search.

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